GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000
SETTING UP OF LOW POWER TRANSMISSION CENTRES OF DD
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan plans to set up low power transmission centres in all major cities / towns by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of progress made in this direction, till date;

(c) whether the Doordarshan is financially viable to carry out its plan within stipulated time; and

(d) if not, the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to meet the financial resources of the Doordarshan ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 94 FOR ANSWER ON 28/07/2000.

(a) & (b): Doordarshan formulates plans to install transmitters at different locations in the country on the basis of criteria such as population and area likely to be covered by the proposed transmitter. Almost all sizeable cities/towns are already covered by TV service, either by a transmitter in the same city/town or through a transmitter installed in a nearby city/town. At present there are 1150 Doordarshan transmitters in the country, providing DD service to 88.2% of the population and covering 75.3% of the geographical area of the country. For further expansion of Doordarshan coverage, 255 transmitter projects are presently under implementation, which includes 50 transmitters for DD-2 (Metro Channel). It is expected that when these projects arecompleted by the end of the 9th Five Year Plan, DD services will cover 93 % of the population.

(c) & (d): Doordarshan has been implementing its plans for expansion of TV coverage with the help of budgetary support provided through the Five Year Plans and with the commercial revenue generated internally by Doordarshan. Future financial requirements for the projects under implementation as stated above is also proposed to be met by adequate budgetary allocations and the commercial revenue generated internally.